

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: Alfred S. Despres III et al.  
Serial No.: 10/764,831  
Filing Date: 01/26/2004  
For: MODULAR FEMORAL STEM COMPONENT FOR  
A HIP JOINT PROSTHESIS  
Group Art Unit No.: 3738  
Attorney's Docket No.: HAYES-1 CON

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed May 3, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from July 3, 2004 to August 3, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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